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April 23, 2021

Dear Chair DeFazio and Ranking Member Graves:

I am requesting funding for the Whitman County Lancaster Road Resurfacing project in surface transportation reauthorization legislation.

The project sponsor for this project is Whitman County and the project is located at 400 N Main Street, Colfax, WA 99111.

The funding is designated for the resurfacing of 11.2 miles of Lancaster Road to meet increased agricultural transportation needs.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and is anticipated to benefit the region as the project represents a critically needed agricultural and freight corridor improvement to an existing heavily used freight road in northwestern rural Whitman County. The project would facilitate and promote the movement of agricultural goods to and from several large agricultural handling and storage facilities in rural Whitman County. The recent addition of a grain train unit loading facility in Endicott, Washington has significantly increased the traffic on Lancaster Road. The Lancaster Road continues to degrade with no viable way to locally generate sufficient funds to provide the critically needed preservation activities. The resurfacing would have a structural component that would serve this freight route for many years to come.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,



Cathy McMorris Rodgers
Member of Congress